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SUBJECT: ROC GENERAL CENSUS ON TRADEMARKS

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 2346

1. ON JUNE 5 STATE, COMMERCE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US TRADEMARK ASSOCIATION (USTA) AND NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL (NFTC) MET WITH DR. BRUCE BILLINGS FOR A BRIEFING ON THE RESULTS OF HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS IN TAIPEI WITH WERNER NING, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS (NBS), REGARDING ROC GENERAL CENSUS ON TRADEMARKS. BILLINGS BELIEVES NBS MAY NOW BE MORE PERCEPTIVE TO AN APPROACH BY THE EMBASSY TO OBTAIN A BLANKET EXTENSION OF QUESTIONNAIRE FILING DEADLINE TO OCTOBER 15, WHICH NBS PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO GRANT (REFTEL).

2. SINCE NBS HAS AGREED TO GRANT EXTENSIONS BEYOND THE PRESENT JUNE 30 FILING DEADLINE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO US FIRMS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING THIS, (REFTEL) WE EXPECT SUCH REQUESTS TO BE VERY NUMEROUS, GIVEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME AND EFFORT REQUIRED IN COMPILING THE INFORMATION TO

BE SUPPLIED. WE BELIEVE A BLANKET EXTENSION TO OCTOBER 15, THE ENDING DATE OF THE STATED TERM OF THE CENSUS, WOULD SIMPLIFY PROCEDURES FOR BOTH US FIRMS AND NBS.

3. GIVEN SHORT TIME LEFT PRIOR TO JUNE 30 FILING DEADLINE, USTA AND NFTC WISH TO ALERT US FIRMS TO THE POSSIBILITIES FOR EXTENSIONS. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH NBS ON URGENT BASIS TO REQUEST BLANKET EXTENSION TO OCTOBER 15 FOR FILING OF QUESTIONNAIRE. PLEASE REPLY BY PRIORITY CABLE. KISSINGER

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